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No. 1 Platoon will draw Rifles on
Tuesday, January 2nd, between the hours
of 5.15 and 6 p.m.

RECRUITS.
Recruits and others warned by their
respective Unit Commanders will attend
at Central Station at 5.30 p.m. on each
Monday and Wednesday during January
(January 1st excepted).

MAINTENANCE.
Will attend for instruction at Central
on Tuesdays, January 2nd, 9th, 16th and
23rd, and on Monday, January 29th, at
5.30 p.m.

AMMUNITION PLATOON.
Will parade at Central for Squad Drill
on each Thursday during January at 5.30
p.m.

BAND PRACTICES.
Wednesday, Jan. 3rd, Tuesday, Jan.
9th, Monday, Jan. 16th, Thursday, Jan.
18th, Wednesday, Jan. 24th, and Tue-
day, Jan. 30th.

Practices will commence at 6 p.m.
Members are referred to Orders of Dec.
28th/24th.

DEPARTURES DRILL.
Members awarded D.D. will parade at
Central Station at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday
next, Dec. 30th. Staff Inspector Clarke
will take charge.

NO. 2 PLATOON.
All ranks, except those on duty, will
parade under the O.C. Platoon outside the
Jockey Club Stables, Causeway Bay, on
Friday, December 29th. Fall in at 9.30
p.m. Uniform, Caps and Covers, and
Rifles.

CHINESE NEW YEAR.
The members of No. 1 Section will
take over the patrol duties of Nos. 3 and
4 Companies on Jan. 23rd.
(Sgd.) P. C. JONES,
D.S.P. (R.).

MODERN BUSINESS.

The visitor was being shown about by
the head of the up-to-date business
house.
"Who is that dapper youth at the
glass topped desk?" he asked.
"That is the superintendent of the
card index system. He keeps an index
showing where the index cases are."
"Who is the young man with the grey
gaiters and the efficient ears?"
"He keeps an index showing the
length of time it takes to index the
index."
"Who is the girl with the golden
hair?"
"She decides under what index an
index to the index of the filing cabinets
shall be placed."
"And who is the grey-haired man at
the disordered desk in the corner?"
"Oh, that's Old Jogg. He doesn't fit
in very well with the rest of the office,
but I have to keep him around. He's
the only employee who can find import-
ant papers when I want them in a
hurry."

THE 'CHINA MAIL'.

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Colony should apply in person at the
Central Police Station between the hours
of 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. and 3 P.M. to 4 P.M.
daily.
Applicants will be required to produce
Passports or identification papers. All
persons, with certain exceptions, who
remain in the Colony for more than
7 days are required to Register them-
selves under the REGISTRATION OF
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required may be obtained at the G.P.O.
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Authorized Capital	\$2,000,000
Subscribed Capital	\$2,500,000
Paid-up Capital	\$2,437,500
Reserve Funds	\$3,337,047
Life & Annuity Funds	\$1,567,590
Sinking Fund Account	\$13,230
TOTAL	\$23,970,367
Revenue Fire Branch	\$2,381,466
Life and Annuity	\$1,141,083
Revenue Marine Department	\$37,839
Other Receipts	\$78,940
TOTAL	\$25,539,328

The Accumulative Funds of the various
Branches are separately invested and, by
Act of Parliament, are set aside to meet
the claims under the respective Depart-
ments of the Company's Business.

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TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.
7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
11.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
3.00 p.m. to 3.10 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
SUNDAY.
8.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon Every 15 minutes.
12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
7.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

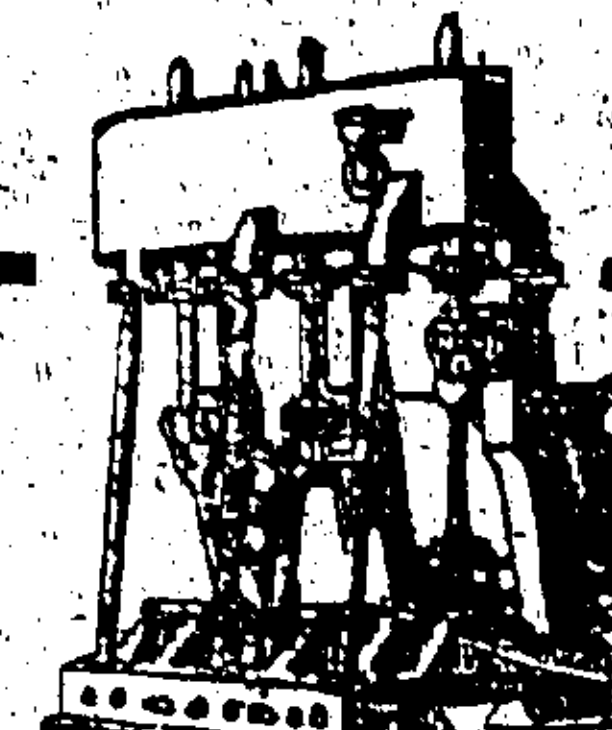
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SPECIAL CARS by arrangement at the
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HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.
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THURSDAY, 28th DECEMBER.

8 A.M. 'KINSHAN'	5 A.M. 'HEUNGSHAN'
10 P.M. 'HEUNGSHAN'	5 P.M. 'FATSHAN'

FRIDAY, 29th DECEMBER.

8 A.M. 'FATSHAN'	5 A.M. 'KINSHAN'
10 P.M. 'KINSHAN'	5 P.M. 'HEUNGSHAN'

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HONGKONG TO MACAO:
Week days at 8 A.M. and 2 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.
Sundays at 9 A.M. and 1 P.M. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.
MACAO TO HONGKONG:
Week days at 7.30 A.M. and 3 P.M. Sunday at 7.30 A.M. and 3 P.M.

EXCURSION TO MACAO SUNDAY, 31st DECEMBER

The Company's Steamship "TAISHAN,"
will depart from the COMPANY'S WING LOK STREET WHARF at 8 A.M.
and return from Macao at 3 P.M.
N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at
7.30 A.M. and from Hongkong at 1 P.M., from the Company's Wing Lok Street
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and Friday, at about 9 A.M., and the other leaves Wuhow for Canton on the
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WONG TING CHAI, Manager.
Hongkong, April 11, 1912.

ensions of the railroad system in China must be accomplished as early as possible.

WINES and SPIRITS

ASSORTED CASES FOR XMAS.

Case No. 1-323.

- 3 Bots. St. Etienne Claret.
3 Bots. Sherry, Light Dry.
3 Bots. Port, Superior Light Invalid.
3 Bots. Gin.
1 Bot. Superior Old Liqueur Cognac.
1 Bot. Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky "E" Quality.
1 Bot. Dewar's Scotch Whisky.

Case No. 2-323.

- 1 Bot. St. Marceaux Champagne.
1 Bot. Brandy "Beuno."
3 Bots. Claret, St. Etienne.
1 Bot. Sherry, Superior Pale Dry "D" Quality.
1 Bot. Port, Superior Light Invalid.
1 Bot. Superior Old Liqueur Cognac.
1 Bot. Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky "E" Quality.
1 Bot. Dewar's Scotch Whisky.
1 Bot. Gin.
1 Bot. Creme de Menthe.

Case No. 3-323.

- 3 Bots. St. Marceaux Champagne.
1 Bot. Sherry, Superior Pale Dry "D" Quality.
3 Bots. Port, Superior Light Invalid.
1 Bot. Very Old Liqueur Cognac.
1 Bot. Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky "E" Quality.
1 Bot. Dewar's Scotch Whisky.
3 Bots. Claret, St. Etienne.
1 Bot. Creme de Menthe.

SPECIAL CASES PUT UP TO ORDER.

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To-day's Advertisements

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY the 1st January, 1917.
Hongkong, Dec. 28, 1916. 1378

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (for account of the consignor),

WEDNESDAY,

the 3rd January, 1917, at 11 a.m., at No. 24, Wyndham Street, (Ground Floor),

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American Ice Chest.
On view from Tuesday the 2nd January at noon.
Catalogue will be issued.
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HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, Dec. 28, 1916. 1377

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THE above-mentioned vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for consideration and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from along side.

Cargo remaining undelivered on SATURDAY, December 30th, 1916 at noon will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown at West Point.
Cargo remaining in Godown on SATURDAY, December 30th, at 5 p.m. will be subject to landing charges and if undelivered on THURSDAY, January 4th, 1917, at 5 p.m. will be subject to both landing and storage charges.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.
No claims will be recognized after the Goods have left the Godown.

All chafed and otherwise damaged Cargo will be landed into the Company's Godown at West Point where they will be examined on January 4th, 1917 at 10 a.m.
No claims will be recognized if filed after January 27th, 1917.

B. C. MORTON,
General Agent.
Hongkong, Dec. 28, 1916. 1378

THE DIARY.

MEMO. FOR TOMORROW.
6.30 p.m.—Lecture on Christian Science in the Theatre Royal.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, Dec. 30.—
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
7.30 p.m.—Final Performance of "Kismet" at the Theatre Royal.
10.45 p.m.—"Star and Garter Fund" Supper at the Hongkong Hotel.

SUNDAY, Dec. 31.—
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Biscuits, Peas etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
Hogmanay.
9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by S.S. "Taiwan".

MONDAY, Jan. 1.—
General Holiday.
Cricket.—Kowloon v. The Rest at Kowloon.

FRIDAY, Jan. 5.—
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Island Cement Co.'s Extraordinary Meeting.

MONDAY, Jan. 8.—
3.45 p.m.—Full moon.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 17.—
Noon.—Presentation of Prizes by Lady May at Public School.

THURSDAY, Jan. 23.—
Chinese New Year.
General Holiday.

negotiation of peace a difficult, protracted and tedious business. It is clear that the time has not yet arrived when such negotiations can be entered upon by the belligerents with the slightest prospect of success.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

An American lady aviator has recently been making flights in Japan.

The new steamer *Glenamoy* was loading last month in London for the East on her maiden voyage.

Mails dispatched from London via Siberia for Hongkong on the 21st, 22nd and 24th ultimo, were received per S.S. *Norona* to-day.

The property stolen from 2 University Path, reported yesterday, has been recovered and a Chinese remanded on a charge of theft.

A woman of a licensed sampan was remanded this morning on a charge of having on board the sampan 750 taels of prepared opium, valued at \$8,000.

The number of rats caught for the week ending Dec. 9th was 2,205, of which one was infected. In the subsequent week 2,144 were caught of which two were infected.

The China American Association at Shanghai is considering an alteration of its Constitution with a view to extending its influence by arranging for the affiliation of branches throughout China.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospital.

Pork Guild.....\$135
Cotton Yarn Dealer's Guild....100

The application of Mr. Charles Morris for a Publican's Licence to sell by retail intoxicating liquors at the premises No. 3 Pak Siu Wan, Shan Ki Wan Road, under the sign "Belle View Hotel", has been granted by the Licensing Board.

The Japanese Legation at Peking has replied to the formal protest of the Chinese Government against the establishment of a Japanese police station in the native city at Amoy, repudiating the Chinese argument that such is breach of Chinese sovereignty.

A free lecture on "Christian Science" is announced to be given at the Theatre Royal to-morrow (Friday) at 5.30 p.m. by Mr. Clarence W. Chadwick, C.S.B., under the auspices of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Hongkong. The lecturer will be introduced by Mr. W. Adams Oram.

Among recent casualties in the war appear the name of Second-Lieutenant H. E. K. Travers, who was killed by the premature explosion of a bomb. He was the only son of the late Mr. Arthur Kennedy Travers, Postmaster-General of Hongkong, and Mrs. Josephine Travers, of 3, Cadogan-court, Draycott-avenue, S.W., and Cheltenham-place, Keynsham, Somerset.

In the Summary Court this morning the Chi Wing firm, 28 Lee Yuen Street, sued Wong Leung Kee, 6 Tai Hong Street, boiler maker, for \$652.20 being balance of account due for goods sold and delivered. Mr. Gardiner appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. P. W. Goldring defended. The claim resolved itself into a question of whether the signature on the acknowledgment was a true signature, which defendant denied. He also denied having the goods.

CONCERT AT THE SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Diana Coons, a minstrel troupe of great talent, gave an exhibition of their abilities at a concert at the Seamen's Institute last evening. The programme had been admirably arranged by the Rev. W. T. Featherstone (Chaplain of the Institute) with a concert party committee as follows:—Chairman, Mr. Deverell, R.N., Vice Chairman, J. Dredge, Secretary, W. J. Heyburne, Treasurer, E. Fourie, and a group consisting of Messrs. Deverell, (Interlocutor), W. Bray, F. Harding, T. Rees, G. Amos, J. Williams, W. Doyne, W. Brimble, W. Oatons, T. Reeves, W. Kelly, F. Taylor, W. Cooper and E. Fourie, and A. J. Heyburne (Comptroller). W. Redman was the pianist. The vocal items included many well known songs and plantation lullabies in addition to several of the latest hits. An interesting item was W. Peppin's escape from handfasts, chains and locks.

STOP PRESS NEWS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

OPERATIONS ON THE WEST FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 27.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports: We searched and bombed a few hundred yards of trenches and dug-outs to the north-west of Lens, greatly damaging them without incurring any casualties.

Our positions northward of the Somme and near Le Sars were heavily shelled at intervals.

We successfully bombarded defences and trench-mortar emplacements in the neighbourhood of Hulluch and westward of Messines.

There have been a number of air-fights. An enemy aeroplane was destroyed and five damaged. Three of ours are missing.

THE FRENCH FRONT.

PARIS, Dec. 27.

A communiqué states: There is marked artillery activity in some sectors south of the Somme, where an enemy battery was exploded.

We successfully fired several mines in the region of Bourgnon, south of Avre and then raided the enemy lines, capturing prisoners.

30,000 VACCINATIONS.

WORK OF SANITARY DEPARTMENT AND CHINESE DISPENSARIES.

Dr. Woodman, Medical Officer of Health, at a meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon gave the following interesting statement on the work of vaccinating the Chinese:—

During the 14 days ending December 23rd, the Chinese Dispensaries performed 6,000 vaccinations and our special vaccinators in the Western District 7,500. I estimate that up to to-day these institutions and our vaccinators have vaccinated a further 6,000 at least. In addition to the above we have opened the following stations:—

Shau Ki Wan on Xmas Day.....500 vaccination
On the Peak, opened 27th Dec.200 "
At the back of the Post Office.....1200 "
Vaccinations at firms' premises.....600 "

making a total of 22,000 vaccinations. In addition to these the Government Civil Hospital and the Tung Wah Hospital and private practitioners have done a very large number and I should think that the total number of vaccinations performed during the last 17 days can be little short of 30,000, a number which considerably exceeds the total number of vaccinations in the Colony for the past three years.

I estimate that our own vaccinators are now vaccinating from 1,500 to 2,000 a day and that the Chinese institutions are doing at least another 1,000 to 1,500 a day. We hope shortly to be able to add considerably to our vaccinating staff when, of course, more vaccinations will be able to be performed.

With regard to small-pox there have been 251 Chinese cases this month with 198 deaths; 12 British cases with two deaths and one American died. There are, of course, a considerable number under treatment.

CRICKET.

K. C. C. v. Rest Monday New Year Day at 10 a.m. on K. C. C. Ground.
K.C.C. Team—J. F. Robinson, J. V. Bragg, B. D. Evans, W. H. Stapleton, Major T. W. Robertson, M. M. Mass, J. Stalker, Lt. E. H. Gray, H. H. Taylor, F. W. Wood and E. J. Edwards.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION AT SHANGHAI.

Mr. E. J. McEwen, Captain Superintendent of Police at Shanghai, in his monthly report states that the political situation continues to improve. The office opened in Shanghai for the distribution of repatriation funds closed on November 6 after \$174,000 had been handed to 616 rebel leaders for distribution among their followers. It is now estimated that 7,500 rebels have left Shanghai as a result. In spite of this excellent work 2,800 remain behind who have no proper leaders and whose claims for participation in the funds have not been recognized. It is far from clear how they support themselves, and there is little room for doubt that it is from their tanks that the gangs of armed robbers are drawn.

THE MAGISTRACY.

EXPORTING DOLLARS.

Rigorous steps are being taken by the authorities to prevent the exportation from the Colony of silver dollars. Already there is a shortage due to the high exchange. This morning a Chinese who had 232 dollars on board the s.s. Kai-fong, which was about to leave for Hoihow, was fined \$10, and the dollars confiscated on a charge of illegal exportation.

SCENE ON THE "EMPRESS."

A fracas occurred on board the s.s. *Empress of Russia* last evening. One of the boatwains was paying off some of the crew when apparently a dispute arose regarding the payment for overtime. The crew, it is thought, threatened the boatwain who whipped out a knife and stabbed two men severely. One man's ear was nearly cut off and the other man received a deep gash in the abdomen. The wounded were taken to hospital and the boatwain arrested on a charge of causing grievous bodily harm. He was before the Court this morning and remanded.

DAYLIGHT ROBBERY.

A daring robbery in broad daylight took place in the thickest part of the Chinese quarter yesterday afternoon. The house selected by an armed gang of six men was 72 Ko Shing Street, second floor, where a concubine and her daughter were alone. The men carried knives, prised open the door and immediately seized the woman and bound and gagged her. They ransacked the floor throughout and got away with jewellery valued at \$400, a quantity of clothing and \$691 in cash and notes. Some arrests were made later in the day and a portion of the goods stolen recovered.

PRESIDENT LI'S TRIBUTE TO A MISSIONARY.

At the funeral of the late Dr. W. A. P. Martin, who spent upwards of 60 years in mission work in China, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, representing President Li Yuan-hung, read in a subdued but clear voice a message from the President. The following is a translation:—

"On the 19th day of the 12th month of the 6th year of the Republic, the President specially despatched Quo Tai-chi, his Secretary, to offer sacrifice to the memory of the late American Doctor W. A. P. Martin said to read the following eulogy:—
"The late doctor was a man of fine character and shining virtue. Having reached his ninetieth year, he has at last rendered up his soul to Heaven before being able to celebrate his hundredth birthday. He enjoyed an exceptional popularity as well as the respect of the scholars and officials both in the Government and elsewhere in this country. His loss is mourned by the rising generation as the death of a teacher and by the veteran scholars as the death of a dear friend. His memory will be ever held dear and revered by them."

"The late doctor lived in this country for over sixty years. He was of profound scholarship and unimpeachable character; and his distinguished services rendered in connection with the opening of this country to the new thoughts and ideas and the introduction of new learning into this land will go down in history for ever. I, the President, have had much respect for his virtues and personal character and a great admiration for his scholarship. His death fills my heart with sorrow and bereavement. There is always a void in human life, and one who leaves this world never returns to us again. And whilst the deceased shall be forever remembered by us, we can no longer expect to see him again. The succession of one generation by another is likened by our ancient worthies to the running of a river. The passing away of a figure which has been regarded by scholars of this country as the Tai Mountain and the North Pole Star fills us with particular sorrow and grief and causes our tears to run down our cheeks. Our heart is further distressed when we witness the solemn funeral rites in honour of the deceased. This elegy, written as it is in unpolished language, serves to express our sorrow and deep sympathy. We hereby present our offerings and pay our last homage to the memory of the deceased."

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Banks	.....	3.30 p.m.
Steamboats	.....	7.25 p.m.
China Sugars	.....	123 buyers
Wharves	.....	854 sellers
Docks	.....	123 nominal
Humphreys	.....	0.80 buyers
Osmont	.....	12 sellers
H'kong Tramways	.....	7 sales
King Yick	.....	114 sales
Shanghai Cottons	.....	117 buyers
Shells	.....	109 nominal

POULTERERS' BUSINESS HOUSES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUESTION OF ACCOMMODATION.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon a report by the Committee appointed to consider the question of the accommodation required by the wholesale poultry trade and the possibility of providing such accommodation elsewhere than in Ko Shing and Li Sing Streets, was read. The report was as under:—

We have inspected the premises at present occupied by the wholesale poultry dealers, of whom there are three. Particulars of such premises are contained in the President's memorandum dated 26.10.16. The dealers do not however so far as our observation goes use any part of their premises for the accommodation of the poultry. The premises are occupied solely by their flocks and by the parties who bring the poultry to Hongkong from up country and who spend the night in Hongkong. The entire business of sorting the poultry is conducted actually in the street, the empty crates being also stored in the street. The poultry themselves appear to pass through the hands of the wholesale dealers very rapidly and are not stored for any length of time. The only poultry we saw on the occasion of our visit were a few geese in a crate in Li Sing Street.

The dealers informed us that they must carry on their business in the open air as they required plenty of light and air. They objected to any suggestion that they should conduct their business inside a godown or a roofed structure.

We find that there is an area of Crown land opposite the Sailors' Home and extending from Des Vaux Road to Connaught Road which we regard as suitable for the wholesale poultry trade. The area referred to has a frontage of 58 feet on each of the roads mentioned and depth of 190 feet and contains about 9,300 square feet. It is at present let for temporary occupation but we are informed that possession of it can be obtained at comparatively short notice. We submit that a recommendation be forwarded to Government that the area in question be laid out as a depot for the storage and sorting of poultry, the depot to be conducted on similar lines to the cattle and pig and sheep depots. No buildings would be required except such as are necessary to accommodate the caretakers or watchmen and to furnish a small shed or office in which the dealers can perform any bookkeeping or clerical work. The entire surface of the depot should be concreted or covered with other material of an impervious nature. The dealers stipulated that they should be allowed to have attendants within the depot to feed and water the poultry belonging to them and we see no difficulty in arranging this.

The Committee was composed of the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., Vice-President of the Board and Director of Public Works; Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Mr. Ng Hon Tsz and Mr. Chan Kai Ming. The Chairman moved the adoption of the Committee's recommendation. The Vice-Chairman said it was suggested that the depot should be run on the same lines as the cattle and sheep with charges for say 60 head of poultry or any fraction thereof. The depot should be open to anyone who wanted to start as a poultry dealer and there should not be a monopoly.

Mr. Bowley said the existing arrangements caused a great nuisance and the Government should be urged at once to appropriate the suggested site. The question of administration should stand over. He seconded the motion embodying immediate action on the part of the Government. The motion was carried.

ANOTHER HSUCHOW CONFERENCE.

CHANG HSUN AGAIN SUMMONS HIS CONFEDERATES.

A vernacular contemporary reports that under the pretext of "maintaining the situation of the country" Chang Hsun is again summoning his confederates to another Conference at his headquarters at Hsuehchow. The object of the Conference is alleged to be the formulation of a demand for the dissolution of Parliament and the political elimination of the Kuo Min Tang. The Conference is to be known as the United-Confederation of the Provinces. The Tsuchus, or military governors of many of the provinces—like Shantung, Fengtien, Kirin, Hupeh and others—are reported to have responded to Chang Hsun's invitation and to have indicated their intention of sending delegates to the gathering.

CHINA AND THE STATE RELIGION QUESTION.

The Rev. S. I. Woodbridge, Editor of the "Chinese Christian Intelligence," writes:—

Since the proposal by certain prominent Chinese to bring before the Chinese Government a law hostile to the freedom of worship the best Christian writers from all parts of China have been publishing their views in the columns of my paper. Their articles have never been translated into English; but suffice to say, they exhibit a consummate skill in dialectics and a splendid knowledge of European history during the dark ages and after.

Many enlightened Chinese representing various bodies of Christians are now in Peking using their best endeavours to forestall the enactment of this obnoxious law; and telegrams to the President and Parliament have been sent from all parts of China by Chinese Christians who for the most part constitute the advanced position of the Progressive Party in China to-day.

Foreigners have no part to play in the matter but stand aside as interested well-wishers. The Law is strongly advocated by General Chang Hsun of Hsuehchow and Hon. Kang Yu-wei, the noted reformer; and strenuously resisted by the clergy and educationalists. From our issue of December 28 I have made a brief translation of an appeal which goes out to our readers in China and abroad. This appeal I append.

AN APPEAL TO OUR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN.
By Delegates from the Catholic, Episcopal, Anglican, Presbyterian, American Board, Methodist, London Mission and Independent Churches, representing 3,000,000 Christians throughout China.

Fellow Countrymen:—For two years the Government of China has been considering the Laws that should be enacted in a Constitutional Government. Among these is one which deeply concerns the welfare of our country. We refer to Section XIX, Art. 2, in which it is stated that Confucianism is the only basis of true morality and ethics. It is proposed to incorporate this in the Constitution of the Chinese Republic.

For two thousand years China has possessed no Constitutional Government, according to the dictates of their own consciences. Confucius was one of China's honoured sages; but morals and ethics existed before his age and while we do not mean to disparage his moral teaching, we wish to point out that the passage of such a law would have a deleterious effect upon our people and our country. Among the evils and dangers of such an unjust law we mention four:—

1. It would revive the old monarchic idea.
2. It would create a fresh the invidious pre-Republican distinction between "the people" and Christians.
3. It would be the progress of true democratic principles.
4. It would cause violent strife between the people, represented by our five-coloured flag, who belong to various religions.

We fail to see why our Government should at this time fasten upon us this law which favours one single cult. With the experience of history in the west during the middle ages, why should this apple of discord be sown among our people to create disturbance and ill-feeling?

The late President was in favour of a monarchy; but he is dead and his ideas of absolutism have passed away. This proposed law must be rejected, as it is of a monarchic nature and we trust that our Chinese people will agree with us that it should not be enacted. And this appeal is made to you brethren and fellow countrymen in order that our country may be kept free from strife and discord and enabled peacefully to pursue her way along the path of progress.

DEMON AND CHASTE WOMAN.

The following comment on the German Peace Offer is taken (heading included) from the "Manchurian Daily News" (a Japanese paper published in English at Dairen):—

All economic questions are stone dead to cries of sentimentality. No reasoning, however unassailable, can move them.

However, while it is undeniable that Germany is anxious to play her trump card on meeting a stroke of good luck in the Rumanian campaign, she had the nerve to propose terms which, if accepted by the Allies, would place Germany in a position far stronger than at the commencement of the great war. It would mean the submission of the Allies to Germany, who, taking advantage of her new re-entranced position, would be certain to take to lording it over the world in a more obtrusive and high-handed manner.

It makes our blood boil like scalding oil in the red-hot cauldron to learn of Germany's audacious declaration that, in case of the Allies failing to respond to her peace overture on such impossible terms as above mentioned, the blood of all the lives to be wantonly wasted on the field by the continuation of the war would be on the heads of the Allies, not Germany's.

Germany might be likened to a cut-throat covering a chaste woman with a pistol calling upon her to submit to his savage desires, or else she forfeit her own life.

Fortitude is always the wages of sin or crime. The Allies in their cause of justice and humanity can have nothing to be terrified.

Unless Germany owns herself to be in the wrong and offers a tangible proof of penitence, time for which is bound to come inevitably at the sun rise in the east, all the lives and money already lavished with so appalling extravagance and still to be wasted for the preservation of the holy grail of the Allies against the impious and blasphemous Germany must be rightly laid at her door.

THE WAR.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BITTER STRUGGLE IN RUMANIA.

GERMANS CAPTURE 5,500 RUSSIANS.

LONDON, Dec. 27. A German communiqué claims that 5,500 Russians have been captured in the last few days in the Great Wallachia mountains south of Rimnicul Sarat.

ENEMY BREAK THROUGH RUSSIAN POSITIONS.

A Berlin communiqué claims that they have broken through several Russian positions and that the Eastern Danube Army has forced its way to the enemy front after bitter fighting, compelling their retreat (from?) prepared positions. The communiqué says the enemy since the 22nd inst. has lost 7,000 prisoners.

RUSSIANS DESTROYING DANUBE BRIDGES.

A Bulgarian communiqué states: Enemy monitors have bombarded Tulcea. The retreating Russians have destroyed the bridges across the Danube at Iascea. Fighting is proceeding for the possession of the bridge-head at Macin.

THE GREEK SITUATION.

GREECE COMPLYING WITH ALLIES' DEMANDS.

LONDON, Dec. 27. The Greek Government is still satisfactorily carrying out the Allies' demands. The second Allied Note has not yet been presented.

GERMAN AIR SUCCESSES CLAIMED.

LONDON, Dec. 27. A Berlin communiqué claims to have brought down nine aeroplanes in the Western theatre of the war.

ANGLO-AMERICAN FINANCIAL RELATIONS.

AN IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. The Federal Reserve Board is permitted to appoint the Bank of England as its agent under the American Banking laws.

This is a most important development and a radical departure from existing financial methods, as it practically places the American and British Governments in direct financial relationship.

The first effect is expected to be noticeable in a decreased use of gold for the settlement of international balances.

IMPENDING MINISTERIAL CHANGES IN RUSSIA.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 27. M. Trepoff, the Russian Prime Minister, has gone to the Imperial Headquarters. It is understood that the visit is connected with important ministerial changes.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN MINISTERS.

ANTI-MAGYAR AND ANTI-PRUSSIAN TENDENCIES.

LONDON, Dec. 27. The Times says the appointments of the Bohemian-Slavi Counts Ciam Martinez and Cionozin, an Austrian Premier and Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister respectively, seem to have an anti-Magyar and anti-Prussian tendency and are likely to be viewed with displeasure at Budapest and Berlin.

The total output of the Eastern Mining Administration, since the week ending 16th December, 1918, amounted to 12,079 tons and the sales during the period to 5,344 tons.

A PEACE NOTE FROM SWEDEN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27. It is officially stated that Sweden has addressed a Peace appeal to the belligerents and neutrals.

THE ALLIED REPLY TO THE GERMAN NOTE.

LONDON, Dec. 27. Reuter learns that the Allied reply to the German Peace Note is being drafted in Paris. The Allies are communicating with each other on the subject.

It is unlikely that official action will be taken in regard to answering the American and Swiss Notes until the German Note has been dealt with.

A report that Great Britain has received a Peace Note from Sweden is erroneous, but it is believed that a Note is imminent.

THE IMPERIAL WAR COUNCIL.

THE REPRESENTATION OF INDIA.

LONDON, Dec. 27. The Daily Chronicle says it is right and proper that India should be represented on the Imperial War Council, for her interests are vitally concerned, her vast population has remained peaceable and loyal and the Ruling Chiefs and others have given many touching examples of their devotion to the Empire.

The Daily News says the presence of representatives of India beside the Premier of the Dominions will mark the opening of a new epoch. It will be a profound disappointment if it is not decided that at least one of the spokesmen of India shall be an Indian.

LATER. The newspapers applaud the decision that India shall be represented at the Imperial Conference.

The Times says India is to be given a place in the Conference to which her enthusiastic and devoted support of the Imperial cause in the war entitles her. The extension of the invitation to India suggests that the Government does not anticipate any objection from the Dominions. India, indeed, has buttressed her claim, already very strong, by the splendour of her devotion to the Imperial tie in a time of war. The Government now show that they recognise her desire and strongly sympathise with her legitimate and moderate aspirations.

The Daily Mail says the representation of India by Mr. Chamberlain and two skilled advisers from the East will give due weight to Indian opinion in the War Cabinet as is only right after the noble contribution which the Indian Army and Princes have made in the cause of freedom.

BRITISH ARMY COUNCIL AND WOOL STOCKS.

LONDON, Dec. 27. The Army Council has issued orders that 20 wool of the 1918-17 clip consigned to the United Kingdom from Australia and New Zealand on growers' account shall be sold except to the Director of Army Contracts. Persons holding and receiving stocks are required immediately on the arrival of the wool to furnish particulars thereof to the authorities and to sell the wool as directed.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, Dec. 27. The death is announced of Sir Jesse Herbert.

(Sir Jesse Herbert who was a barrister, and Political Secretary to the Liberal Chief Whip, is also elected in the reference books to have been "Professor of International Law at Oxford University" and "Legal Adviser to the Board of Trade Government.") These appointments are new to us. They presumably relate to Dr. Sam Yee Ben's revolutionary campaign.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

FURTHER PEACE PROPOSAL FROM GERMANY.

AN IMMEDIATE CONFERENCE OF BELLIGERENTS SUGGESTED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. Germany has proposed an immediate meeting of the belligerents to discuss peace.

Germany's proposal was contained in the German reply to President Wilson's Note. The reply says that the high-minded suggestion made by Mr. Wilson in order to create a basis for the establishment of lasting peace, has been considered by the German Government in a friendly spirit. Germany thinks the best way to realise the President's aim is an immediate conference of belligerents in a neutral place. The great work of preventing future wars can be begun only after the end of the present struggle, when Germany will be pleased to collaborate with the United States in this exalted task.

BRITISH COMMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 27. Germany's latest move is regarded as another adroit attempt to rush the Allies into a so-called Peace Conference at any cost, with the object of jockeying them into a false position in the light of neutrals, but last night's bombshell is not likely to have the desired effect in America, since Germany has persistently refused to reveal her peace terms, thus deliberately ignoring President Wilson's appeal to both sides to place their cards on the table.

Moreover, Germany has violated all diplomatic courtesies in allowing the publication of the Note in Berlin before its receipt in Washington. President Wilson receiving the first news from journalists.

HONOUR FOR GENERAL JOFFRE.

PARIS, Dec. 27. General Joffre has been appointed Marshal of France. This is the first time the dignity has been revived since the days of the Empire.

EMPIRE WAR COUNCIL.

ENTHUSIASTICALLY WELCOMED.

LONDON, Dec. 27. All the papers warmly and enthusiastically welcome the Empire War Council as a landmark in the history of the Empire and a fulfilment of the aims of the greatest of Empire builders. It is hoped, also, that this will facilitate an Irish Settlement.

GREAT ARTILLERY ACTIVITY ON FRENCH FRONT.

PARIS, Dec. 27. A communiqué says: There has been great reciprocal artillery activity in the sectors of Belloy-en-Santerre and Fonquecourt. There has been intermittent cannonading elsewhere.

THE BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 27. General Sir Douglas Haig reports: We took eighteen prisoners out of fifty of the enemy approaching Les Bouffes, and our machine-guns caused heavy casualties among the remainder. We raided positions north-eastward of Arrmentieres and eastward of Ploegsteert, prisoners being secured.

MIDNIGHT RAID ON THE OTRANTO CANAL.

FRENCH DESTROYERS TO THE RESCUE.

ROME, Dec. 27. A naval communiqué says that several enemy ships, on the night of the 23rd inst. attacked small guardships in the Otranto Canal. French destroyers sighted the enemy, a sharp engagement ensued, and the enemy fled, pursued by the Allied forces. They escaped in the darkness. The enemy losses are not known. A French destroyer and one of the guardships were slightly damaged.

BRILLIANT AND SUCCESSFUL ROMANIAN ATTACK.

SANGUINARY FIGHTING.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 27. A communiqué says: The Rumanians, with a brilliant attack, re-captured a height in the Kasin River valley, on the Moldavian Frontier. Fierce enemy attacks on the Rumanian front in the region of Dragolav were repelled. The Rumanians counter-attacked and took three machine-guns. The Russians repulsed strong attacks elsewhere, inflicting heavy casualties, except in one area, which was abandoned, at Filipesti, after a particularly sanguinary struggle.

THE CHILDREN'S COLDS.

WATCH the children's colds and cure them before they awaken the vitality. Use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely. It is perfectly safe. It has been tested by chemists and pronounced free from injurious substances and contains no opium. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

HOW KRUPP'S WAS BOMBED.

FRENCH AIRMEN'S FLIGHT TO ESSEN AND BACK.

[BY MR. LUTHER DAVOUT in the "Daily Chronicle"]

Lieutenant Davout, who, with the Captain Beauchamps, (since killed) recently flew to Essen and back and bombed the famous Krupp Works, contributes a thrilling story of his daring exploit, remarks the "Daily Chronicle" of November 20.

This 500 miles journey across the Rhine, which occupied seven hours, was performed with many exciting adventures, both airmen being attacked by enemy scouts as well as anti-aircraft guns.

It is interesting to note that both these brilliant French flying men used a British type of machine.

How I bombed Essen! Indeed, it was very simple, as you will see by these extracts of my log-book, where I considered some of my impressions during my journey. I would remind you first that two French aeroplanes, one piloted by Captain Beauchamps, the other by me, effected the raid. Our preparations and the way our planes were fitted cannot be described here, being, I am afraid, considered as a military secret. But it might interest you to know that the machines were of British design.

Although Beauchamps was severely wounded nearly 500 miles it was not to frighten me. I had an extensive training for seven years, and have always been a specialist of long-distance flying, as witness my participation in the Circuit de Paris (400 miles), the Coupe Forey (192 (40 miles), Paris-Berlin in 1913 (600 miles), and my journey Paris-Vienna-Budapest-Bucharest-Varna-Constantinople-Konin-Adana, and finally Syria (over 3,000 miles).

OVER GERMAN LINES.

11 a.m.—My friend Beauchamps has just gone and I followed two minutes later. One thousand yards up, 5,000 ft. high, we kept on getting higher and higher. The weather is clear with just a few clouds over 9,000 ft. The air is distinctly cold.

12 a.m.—I am full over the Boche lines. We are seen and the anti-aircraft guns start a curtain of fire forward, but too high. The white puffs of the 77 make a line of smoke which I have got to cross. Soon the shots become more and more numerous. 300 shots at least must have been fired in a few minutes. Time after time I get right into the smoke of the bursting shells and I can hear the whistling of the bullets near my head. Oh, the Boche gunner rectifies its range. But he is too low now, so I go higher still, and I pass.

Now there are shots on my left, which burst with black smoke, 100-calibre shells. This is getting more serious. I get nearer and nearer the left flank, and all of a sudden, I go 90 degrees to the left and drop straight towards the ground for 300 ft. The game is finished and the gunners done. Out of spite they shoot all over the place, and the shells burst near me. I look back as if I was going to get out of trouble without much difficulty.

Now where is my friend? I cannot see him. Has he been brought down? Has he changed his line?

ATTACKED BY ENEMY AIRMAN.

A little under me I can see a big fat yellow plane. Black crosses! It's a Boche. Another one follows very near. The distance between us is about 600 feet, but they are much slower than I am. Clac-clac-clac. It is Mr. Boche opening fire. The short bursts of his machine-gun keep repeating. The brute does not shoot badly. Shall I engage him in a fight? It is really very tempting.

But no, Essen is my only target, and I have no right to compromise, by a passing engagement, the success of our raid. I open my engine right out, and lose soon my aggressors.

As I fly over I just distinguished on my left the outline of another plane. It is getting nearer and nearer. The sun prevents me from seeing it clearly, although I seem to recognise the silhouette of my companion's machine. No doubt it is a Boche, and I can now see his blue, white and red crosses. And all of a sudden I feel very happy. One is so very lonely up there, very very high.

A little later I change my direction and go straight north, leaving Coblenz on my left. Far in front of me I can see a small grey ribbon, the Rhine. It looks beautiful from up here. Somehow my confidence increases every minute. Sure, everything will go well. I cross over the right bank. On the river many long convoys of barges go up towards Coblenz. I feel I do not have a moment to lose. I must deliver. I should go down to gun them. It is funny how strong these temptations are.

Here is Bonn. My friend and co-raider is still on my right. My engine keeps on turning merrily, and I marvel at the ease with which I am doing it. A quick calculation shows me that we are going at the rate of about 130 miles an hour. It is a goodish speed. The weather is cold up here. My thermometer shows 10 deg. below zero. To try and get warm, I move arms and legs as much as I can in that cramped space. A few drops of peppermint which I drink warm my inside and cool my mouth.

Undoubtedly the Rhine and still more boats. Now we pass a town which seems enormous. It is Cologne. What a splendid target it would make. But there are women, children, old people, and I am a soldier, not a pirate, I must aim at destroying the military power of the enemy.

Now I point straight towards Düsseldorf. But all districts disappear under a pool of smoke. What an extraordinary agglomeration of works! Here are Solingen, Elberfeld, Barmen, black country criss-crossed by innumerable railway lines and with hundreds of high chimneys, like guns pointing to the sky. Down there a tremendous amount of smoke and all sorts of gun muzzles, all to be directed against us, are produced with a tremendous activity.

ESSEN AT LAST.

Essen at last! How over what has been considered as the heart of Germany, over the city which stands as the symbol of cruel force. Where now are the Krupp's works? Here, at the west of the town. How large they are! The shops and buildings between which trains are running seem innumerable. The attempts to disguise it are indeed foolish. It is the most perfect target one can imagine. Now I suppose I am going to be strafed. I look here and there for bursting shells. Nothing. They aim too low. However, some very violent waves of heat, of which I do not understand the cause, are coming from a momentary bombing preparations.

2 o'clock. The centre of the works pass, I drop my torpedoes in rapid succession. My friend who is over me and a little on the left drops his also. I guess, more than I can exactly see, as I am so very high, that underneath in the works the people suffer from a sort of madness. There are rushes of people soon hidden by clouds of smoke which rise from many points. Nearly at the centre it seems that there is a formidable explosion, followed by intense fire. What a joy to have attained such a aim!

Krupp has been bombed, in full daylight, in spite of its anti-aircraft guns and of its planes. I suppose that now the Boches must be mad with fury, and will try to chase us. Never mind, my mission has been fulfilled. I will fight enemy planes if they come.

CHASE ON RETURN JOURNEY.

Here I am again over Düsseldorf, but not going so fast as coming in. The wind, which has veered, hampers me. A quick verification of my oil and petrol tanks. All is well, I can keep up for another six hours. The clouds get denser and denser. There is at some moments a thick mist, which veils completely the ground. My only guide is now the compass, S.W. As I am broussing, some explosions thunder louder than the noise of my engine. I turn right round, so that the Boche gunner loses the range. But as I am over 1,000 or 2,000 ft. under the three Boche planes, who are giving chase. Their machines are as fast as mine, but as soon as they try to go up they lose ground. I slacken for a few seconds and going straight towards the most forward of them, I serve him at point-blank with three bursts of my machine-gun. Unnerved, he prefers not to engage in a fight and flies towards the left. But the others are attacking me from the back. It is time to go.

Have I wounded my opponent? I don't think so, as he seems to be flying straight but very much lower. Soon the two others are only black spots. The chase has lasted over 30 minutes, and I have got a real stiff neck, so often did I turn round.

Now I have been up six hours. Time drags dreadfully. My eyes hurt and I suffer from the cold. Evidently I am over Belgium now. But where? I must know, I come down, engine stopped. How sweet is that silence after six hours of tempest! Four thousand feet; it is low enough.

AMONG FRIENDS AGAIN.

8.30.—I cannot stand it any more I am coming down, 7,000 ft., 5,000 ft., 1,000 ft. I cannot hear the guns any more. But what are these! Bivouacs. Am I in France? I keep on for another quarter of an hour, going south, and finally alight in an immense field, far from a village. I am in the territory invaded by the Germans. I'll fly away under their nose.

I am at the end of the field, ready to start again in case of alert. I have kept my engine turning slowly. After five minutes of waiting some people come running towards me, peasants. I shout to them to stop, stop my voices. "Where am I?" "At Chateau de la Chapelle," they answer me. What a joy is mine, I am in France, back after having succeeded in what seemed to men an impossible enterprise.

My notes finish here. There is any how little to add. I jumped from my machine, but I was so numb that for some time they would not support me. However, after a few minutes, I felt quite well again, and cheered to the echo by the villagers, who had arrived in large numbers, I left again to report to my chiefs and heard that my friend had been safely and landed about 80 miles from me. My happiness was then complete.

And now, Mr Krupp, to the pleasure of seeing you again soon.

SOME RECENT WAR HONOURS.

Amongst a long list of names of officers upon whom honours have been conferred, which appeared in the London Gazette of 14th ult., are the following:—

Capt. (temp. Major) Alan Grant Birch, D.S.O., R.E. It is recorded: "With a small party he pushed forward on reconnaissance work under very heavy fire. The information gained was of great value. He was severely wounded (D.S.O. awarded in Gazette dated Jan. 14, 1916)." For this Major Birch has been given a Bar to his D.S.O.

Major Birch, we may recall, is the son of the late Mr. J. Grant Birch, who was drowned in the Yellow River in China when the raft, on which he and Lieut. Watts Jones were descending the river was wrecked. This was at the time of the Boxer disturbance in 1900. Major Birch has been in hospital for some time, and though he is progressing favourably, it cannot yet be stated whether the injuries to his foot are of a permanent nature or only temporary, as all his friends hope.

Capt. John Herbert Jordan, R.A.M.C. As we have already noted, this Military Cross has been conferred on this officer. The official record is: "Under very heavy fire he reconnoitred the front area for wounded, and by his gallantry was instrumental in recovering many wounded men from shell-holes." Capt. Jordan is the son of Sir John Jordan, K.C.B., the British Minister at Peking.

EX-HONGKONG INDIAN WARDER HANGED.

DOUBLE CRIME AT SHANGHAI.

The execution of Mustapha Khan for the recent murder at Masses Butterfield and Swire's Pootung Wharf, of two watchmen, took place at H.B.M.'s Gaol in Amoy Road, Shanghai, a few days ago. The deceased, it will be remembered, was sentenced to death in the Supreme Court at Shanghai about a month ago, when the time the Shanghai Municipality undertakes to make full confession of his guilt. He met his death with fortitude, and death was instantaneous. Amongst those present at the hanging were Mr. H. Phillips, H.M.'s Consul and Deputy Sheriff, Mr. G. W. King, H.M.'s Police Magistrate, Dr. E. L. Marsh and the Mullah of the Mohammedan Mosque. The execution was carried out by a special man from Hongkong.

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THE CHINA SOCIETY.

The members of the China Society (London) and their friends were received on the afternoon of 16th November by His Excellency the Chinese Minister, Mr. Herbert Wilcocks, at the President of the Society, and the Council, at the Comaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, Kingway. A very pleasant reception was thus provided, and an opportunity afforded of meeting old friends. The guests were received by the Minister on arrival, and tea was served at a number of small tables. A selection of music was performed by Crago's band. Amongst the company present were:—

Sir Maurice and Lady de Bunsen, Miss de Bunsen, Admiral Sir Edmund Fremantle, Lord and Lady French, Lady Jordan, Sir Walter Hillier, Sir John McLeary, Mr. Brown, Sir John and Lady Colley, Sir Patrick Manson, Lady Cameron, Lady Hart, Mr. Geo. Jamieson, O.M.G., Mr. Byron Brennan, O.M.G., Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown, Mr. H. E. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Townsend, Mr. S. J. Cheong, Miss Hammet, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ormston, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Joseph, Mrs. J. B. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Harding Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. O. Jones, Mrs. Berkeley, Mr. J. Carey, Hall, Miss Hall.

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MANILA	LOONGSANG	SATURDAY, Dec. 30, at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	YUSANG	SUNDAY, Dec. 31, Daylight.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	TASSANG	SUNDAY, Dec. 31, at 7 a.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	YANSANG	WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3, at Noon.
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WEATHER REPORT

SHARE REPORT

DECEMBER 28TH 1916

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Hongkong, December 28, 1916

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Wet bulb	1 P.M.	57	
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WEATHER REPORT

On the 28th at 13.05.—No returns from Japanese stations.

Pressure has increased moderately to slightly over the China Coast and the Philippines, and has decreased slightly over Annam. The anticyclone remains stationary and has increased in intensity.

Fresh monsoon will continue along the China Coast and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 34 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.06 inch.

Forecast for the 34 hours ending at noon on the 30th December:—

- 1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy.
- 2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, strong.
- 3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamooks: The same as No. 1.
- 4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

OFFICIAL NIGHT IN DECEMBER

The following table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of December, 1916 —

Date.	Ends.	Begin.
Dec. 28th.	8.49 a.m.	8.59 p.m.
" 29th.	8.49 "	8.59 "
" 30th.	8.50 "	9.00 "
" 31st.	8.50 "	9.00 "

ROYAL OBSERVATORY,
HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER
REPORT.

DECEMBER 23, 1918.—A.M.				
Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Wind.	
			Direction.	Force.
0500.	30.00	50	drift	0
0600.	30.00	50	drift	0
0700.	30.00	50	drift	0
0800.	30.00	50	drift	0
0900.	30.00	50	drift	0
1000.	30.00	50	drift	0
1100.	30.00	50	drift	0
1200.	30.00	50	drift	0
1300.	30.00	50	drift	0
1400.	30.00	50	drift	0
1500.	30.00	50	drift	0
1600.	30.00	50	drift	0
1700.	30.00	50	drift	0
1800.	30.00	50	drift	0
1900.	30.00	50	drift	0
2000.	30.00	50	drift	0
2100.	30.00	50	drift	0
2200.	30.00	50	drift	0
2300.	30.00	50	drift	0

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 r shower, s snow, t rain, v variable,
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 dredths.

HONGKONG TIMES

<p> tide-table given below has been taken from the National Almanac Office and is the result of the analysis of observations taken from the use of an international tide-recording machine in the Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui in years 1887-93. </p> <p> zero of the table corresponds with the level of the sounding in the Admiralty which has been found to be 4 feet below mean low water. </p> <p> To obtain the depth of water on the gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard 4 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at the Victoria Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet to the height given in the table. </p>	<p>Green I.</p> <p>Hongkong</p> <p>Hongkong</p> <p>Hongkong</p> <p>Hongkong</p> <p>H.K. Steamer</p> <p>Morning</p> <p>Peak Tram</p> <p>do.</p>
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November 29th to January 4th, 1917. 8

HIGH WATER			LOW WATER		
Height	Mean Time	Height	Mean Time	Height	Mean Time
1.0	1.41	0.5	7.2	0.5	7.2
1.1	1.42	0.6	7.3	0.6	7.3
1.2	1.43	0.7	7.4	0.7	7.4
1.3	1.44	0.8	7.5	0.8	7.5
1.4	1.45	0.9	7.6	0.9	7.6
1.5	1.46	1.0	7.7	1.0	7.7
1.6	1.47	1.1	7.8	1.1	7.8
1.7	1.48	1.2	7.9	1.2	7.9
1.8	1.49	1.3	8.0	1.3	8.0
1.9	1.50	1.4	8.1	1.4	8.1
2.0	1.51	1.5	8.2	1.5	8.2
2.1	1.52	1.6	8.3	1.6	8.3
2.2	1.53	1.7	8.4	1.7	8.4
2.3	1.54	1.8	8.5	1.8	8.5
2.4	1.55	1.9	8.6	1.9	8.6
2.5	1.56	2.0	8.7	2.0	8.7
2.6	1.57	2.1	8.8	2.1	8.8
2.7	1.58	2.2	8.9	2.2	8.9
2.8	1.59	2.3	9.0	2.3	9.0
2.9	1.60	2.4	9.1	2.4	9.1
3.0	1.61	2.5	9.2	2.5	9.2
3.1	1.62	2.6	9.3	2.6	9.3
3.2	1.63	2.7	9.4	2.7	9.4
3.3	1.64	2.8	9.5	2.8	9.5
3.4	1.65	2.9	9.6	2.9	9.6
3.5	1.66	3.0	9.7	3.0	9.7
3.6	1.67	3.1	9.8	3.1	9.8
3.7	1.68	3.2	9.9	3.2	9.9
3.8	1.69	3.3	10.0	3.3	10.0
3.9	1.70	3.4	10.1	3.4	10.1
4.0	1.71	3.5	10.2	3.5	10.2
4.1	1.72	3.6	10.3	3.6	10.3
4.2	1.73	3.7	10.4	3.7	10.4
4.3	1.74	3.8	10.5	3.8	10.5
4.4	1.75	3.9	10.6	3.9	10.6
4.5	1.76	4.0	10.7	4.0	10.7
4.6	1.77	4.1	10.8	4.1	10.8
4.7	1.78	4.2	10.9	4.2	10.9
4.8	1.79	4.3	11.0	4.3	11.0
4.9	1.80	4.4	11.1	4.4	11.1
5.0	1.81	4.5	11.2	4.5	11.2
5.1	1.82	4.6	11.3	4.6	11.3
5.2	1.83	4.7	11.4	4.7	11.4
5.3	1.84	4.8	11.5	4.8	11.5
5.4	1.85	4.9	11.6	4.9	11.6
5.5	1.86	5.0	11.7	5.0	11.7
5.6	1.87	5.1	11.8	5.1	11.8
5.7	1.88	5.2	11.9	5.2	11.9
5.8	1.89	5.3	12.0	5.3	12.0
5.9	1.90	5.4	12.1	5.4	12.1
6.0	1.91	5.5	12.2	5.5	12.2
6.1	1.92	5.6	12.3	5.6	12.3
6.2	1.93	5.7	12.4	5.7	12.4
6.3	1.94	5.8	12.5	5.8	12.5
6.4	1.95	5.9	12.6	5.9	12.6
6.5	1.96	6.0	12.7	6.0	12.7
6.6	1.97	6.1	12.8	6.1	12.8
6.7	1.98	6.2	12.9	6.2	12.9
6.8	1.99	6.3	13.0	6.3	13.0
6.9	2.00	6.4	13.1	6.4	13.1
7.0	2.01	6.5	13.2	6.5	13.2
7.1	2.02	6.6	13.3	6.6	13.3
7.2	2.03	6.7	13.4	6.7	13.4
7.3	2.04				

SHARE REPORT

DECEMBER 28TH 1916

Stock and Paid up Value.	Quoted 11.30 A.M.	Last Dividend and date.	Return based on last year's div.
BANKS.			
Hongkong & Shanghai \$128	\$725 a.	22.5 interim	6 1/2 p.c.
MARINE INSURANCE.			
London	\$ 50 \$390	\$7 final a/c 1914 and interim of \$15 a/c 1915. Final div. of 15% making 27 1/2 % a/c 1915	6 1/2 p.c.
North China	25 T. 150	Final of \$30 and bonus \$10 a/c 1915. Interim of \$30 a/c 1915	1 1/2 p.c.
Union	\$100 \$920 a.	Final of \$15 making \$15 for 1914 and int. of \$6 on account 1915	8 p.c.
Wangtze	\$ 60 \$255		
INSURANCE.			
China Fire	\$ 20 \$153	\$7 and bonus \$2 for 1914	6 1/2 p.c.
Hongkong Fire	\$ 20 \$375	\$27 for 1914	6 1/2 p.c.
SHIPPING.			
China Steamships	\$20 \$115 1/2	\$1 final and \$3 bonus making \$14 a/c 1915-16 \$1 for 1915	1 1/2 p.c.
Harbin	\$ 15 \$20 b.		6 1/2 p.c.
to China		6/- for 1915	10/- Bonus
(Preferred)	25 \$46	6/- for 1915	6 p.c.
(Deferred)	25 \$138		6 1/2 p.c.
China Transports	21 106 1/2	2/- a/c 1915. Coupon 25 5/- a/c 1914. Coupon 25	7 p.c.
Star Ferry	\$ 10 \$38 a.	\$1.65 dividend 45 cents Bonus for year ending 30-4-16	5 1/2 p.c.
REFINERIES.			
China Sugars	\$100 \$129 b.	\$12 for 1915	10 1/2 p.c.
Yunnan Sugars	P. 30 \$67 b.	\$5 for 1915	
MINING.			
China	21 36/-	1/- a/c 1915/16. Coupons No.	
Yunnan	10 T. 21 1/2	Tla. 1 for 1915	4 p.c.
China	21 \$8.40		
Yunnan	21 27/-	3/- a/c 1915	
China	21 32/-	9 % for 1915	
DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.			
China Wharves	\$ 50 \$85 b. 85 1/2 a.	\$34 for 1915	4 p.c.
Yunnan	\$ 50 \$129	\$5 for 1915	2 1/2 p.c.
China Docks	T. 100 T. 90	Tla. 7 1/2 for year ending 30-4-16	5 1/2 p.c.
Yunnan Wharves	T. 100 T. 83	Tla. 3 for 1915	2 1/2 p.c.
TELEPHONE LINES AND BUILDINGS.			
China Hotels	\$ 1118 a.	\$3 a/c half year 30-4-16	4 1/2 p.c.
China Hotels	\$100 \$101 a.	\$7 a/c 1915	7 p.c.
China Hotels	\$100 \$96	Interim div. of \$34	7 p.c.
China Hotels	\$ 10 \$4.30 b.	35 cents for 1915	5 1/2 p.c.
China Hotels	\$ 30 \$28 a.	\$24 for 1915	6 p.c.
China Hotels	\$ 50 \$84 a.	Interim of \$2	4 1/2 p.c.
China Hotels	T. 50 T. 22	6 % interim a/c 1915	6 1/2 p.c.
TEXTILE MILLS.			
China	T. 50 T. 185	Tla. 16 for year ending 31-10-15	10 1/2 p.c.
China	T. 50 T. 117 b.	Tla. 6 div. a/c year ended 30-6-16	8 p.c.
China	T. 10 T. 144 a.	Tla. 1 1/2 for 1915	10 1/2 p.c.
China	T. 5 T. 5 1/2		
CELLULOSE.			
China	\$ 12 \$34	72 cts. for 1915	2 1/2 p.c.
China	\$ 5 \$44 b.	6 p.c. for year ending 30-6-16	7 1/2 p.c.
China	\$ 10 \$8.50 b. 8.50 a.	70 cents for 1915	7 1/2 p.c.
China	\$ 6 \$25 1/2	\$3 for year ending 31-7-16	8 1/2 p.c.
China	\$ 10 \$12 a.	60 cents for 1915	8 p.c.
China	\$ 10 \$53	\$24 for 1915/1916	4 p.c.
China	\$ 22 \$160	\$2 on 4/6 1916	7 p.c.
China	\$ 10 \$34 1/2 b.	\$1 interim 1916	8 1/2 p.c.
China	\$9.90 b. 7 a.	7 % interim a/c 1915 cents 104 per share	4 1/2 p.c.
China	\$ 30		
China	\$ 25 \$29	\$2 for 1915	
China	\$ 10 \$10	7 % for 1915/1916	7 1/2 p.c.
China	\$ 1 \$1		
China	\$ 5 \$5 1/2	35 cents for 1915/1916	6 1/2 p.c.
China	\$ 10 \$17	\$1 for 1915	4 p.c.
China	\$ 10 \$6 1/2 b.	73 cents for 1915	
China	\$ 1 \$6 1/2 a.	60 cents for 1915/1916	6 1/2 p.c.

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